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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO UAE

REF: VIENNA 02453

1. AUSTRIAN FONMIN PAHR CONCLUDED THREE-DAY VISIT TO UAE  
ON MARCH 14. WHILE HERE PAHR WAS RECEIVED BY UAE PRESIDENT  
SHAIKH ZAYID BIN SULTAN, ABU DHABI CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH  
KHALIFAH, AND BY FEDERATION VP AND RULER OF DUBAI SHAIKH  
RASHID BIN SAID. LATTER MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY  
UAE MINDEF AND UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MINISTRY.  
PAHR HELD FORMAL TALKS WITH HIS UAE COUNTERPART,  
AHMAD KHALIFAH AL-SUWAIDI, WHO LATER INFORMED PRESS  
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THAT TWO SIDES HAD DISCUSSED MIDDLE EAST AND HORN  
OF AFRICA. UAE AND AUSTRIA ALSO AGREED TO INCREASE  
COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH MATTERS, INCLUDING PRODUCTION OF SOLAR  
ENERGY. JOINT COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP THESE MATTERS  
WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

2. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, PAHR TOLD MARCH 13 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AUSTRIA SUPPORTS RES 242, "WHICH MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY ALL THE PARTIES." THIS MEANS, PAHR ADDED, THAT ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RESPECT RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN RETURN FOR RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST WITHIN SECURE BOUNDARIES. RE PALESTINIAN STATE, PAHR SAID THIS IS ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO ACHIEVE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS BUT WILL REQUIRE AGREEMENT BY PALESTINIANS AND BY THE OTHER PARTIES. PAHR RECALLED THAT CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED PUTTING OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES UNDER SUPERVISION OF ARAB LEAGUE. ADDED THAT IN HIS OPINION IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WANT A STATE.

3. PAHR REPLIED TO QUESTION WHETHER AUSTRIA'S ROLE IN FACILITATING SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL ACTED AS AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. PAHR DOWN PLAYED SIGNIFICANCE OF AUSTRIAN ROLE IN THIS TRAFFIC WHILE REAFFIRMING THAT EMIGRATION IS BASIC HUMAN RIGHT ENSHRINED IN UN CHARTER.

4. PAHR EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE, ADDING HIS REGRET THAT UNTIL NOW ISRAEL HAD NOT RESPONDED. IF SADAT INITIATIVE FAILED, HE SAID, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUE WOULD HAVE TO REVERT TO UN TO FIND ANOTHER PATH TO PEACE IN MIDEAST. PAHR HOPED ANOTHER WAR COULD BE AVOIDED.

5. COMMENT: NEITHER ARABIC NOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE UAE PRESS CARRY STATEMENTS ON TERRORISM OR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN PEACE TALKS ATTRIBUTED TO PAHR BY AUSTRIAN PRESS AND REPORTED PARA 5 REFTEL. HOWEVER, LOCAL PRESS HAS CARRIED ONLY SUMMARY OF MARCH 13 PRESS CONFERENCE AND IT IS POSSIBLE THOSE ITEMS GOT EDITED OUT OR LOST IN TRANSLATION. DICKMAN

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